

PASADENA.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Local Items That Will Interest Everybody.

MISS CHANNING'S ARTICLE.

Balmy Airs Not Hostile to Vigor—A Card Party—Raymond Items—Tennis Notes—Personals and Brevities.

Miss Grace Elery Channing, one of Pasadena's most gifted writers, has a charming article in Kate Field's Washington of January 21, under the caption, "Are Balmy Airs Hostile to Vigor?"

She begins thus: "A part of our Puritan inheritance is the deep-rooted belief that whatever is pleasant is necessarily bad for us, and whatever is unpleasant is necessarily good for us."

It follows that, when we find ourselves in possession of a good thing, we straightway set about qualifying and making mental reservations as to its value.

There is a region in the United States where, climatically considered, existence is tolerable all the year round; where a temperate sun lights a land of flowers, and soft breezes mingle the breath of the sea and of roses; where summer is but winter in blossom, and winter but summer shut into a bud again; where flowers are exuberant, birds riotous, life an abundant miracle, earth a rejoicing revelation, hope eternal, health attainable, and youth possible.

People go there to sigh, and remain to sing—to pray, and remain to pipe.

And when they are done with piping and singing they turn around and chant you a parrot chorus of: "Ah, but Southern California is so enervating! People who live in such climates never accomplish anything! It is demoralizing. It is doing for them!"

Miss Channing goes on to say that there is no question of the perfection of the particular garden spot of the earth where Pasadena lives. "They who have dwelt six years in Paradise have their own opinion of its bowers and breezes."

To those who know it not, what words could paint! And those who know it, know all words are faint.

But it is a question of the relative benefits of lands where life is largely a fight with "weather," and the more genial lands where "climate" as opposed to "weather" predominates.

The writer then inquires "from what nations have we received the richest legacies of the human brain and soul. From the dwellers in harsh climates, or from those countries where, life being something besides a ceaseless struggle with the elements, the soul has had time to blossom?" and she cites the history of nations to show that "art, science, philosophy, statecraft, the matchless craft of war; power, knowledge, beauty; all the grace of living and the strength of life; the poet, the painter, the musician, the student, the philosopher, the hero, the saint, have all been cradled in the breast of the sacred South."

Referring to this section, Miss Channing closes thus: "So, once more will the beneficence of nature be demonstrated in a new southern land. Meanwhile, wrapping ourselves in our pneumonia and drawing our nervous prostrations closer about us, we may continue skeptically to inquire: Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

WHIST.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose Entertain Their Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rose very pleasantly entertained a party of friends at cards Wednesday evening at their home on Grand avenue. Whist was played. Partners were chosen in a novel way, each gentleman being given the end of a colored cord which formed a portion of a veritable network of cords, stretching over the entire first floor of the house. At the end of each piece of cord was a card bearing a number corresponding to that held by the different ladies. When the game had been finished elaborate refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huggins, Mrs. Beatrice of Omaha, Capt. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCollum, Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. O. Stewart Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wetherby, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Conger, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gilmore, Mrs. Graham, Misses Wotkins, Clark, Lull, Vischer and Graham, Dr. J. M. Radebaugh, Messrs. C. W. Bell, E. Kayser and B. M. Wotkins.

TENNIS NOTES.

Games Yesterday—Interesting Matches on Saturday.

Yesterday was club day at the Pasadena tennis court. An interesting series of games was kept up during the day. Mr. Runyon, the new player who has already distinguished himself by his brilliant playing, was on the grounds and played in his usual good form. Among the other players were Misses English, Trew and Shoemaker and Mr. Lindsay. Lunch was served at 1 o'clock. There were a number of spectators present.

On Saturday Messrs. Robt. and Kenneth Carter and Miss Carter will be here and participate in some games with the local players, including Mr. Runyon. A lunch of considerable proportions will be served to the contestants and visitors by Mrs. Winslow and Miss Lowe. It is expected that there will be a large attendance.

The Los Angeles Highway. The new bridge over the Arroyo at Garvanza and the road laid out on the bed of the old Santa Fe track is thereby much benefited, having as short and easy a highway to Los Angeles as over the old road, without the necessity of paying any toll. The new route is even more picturesque than the old one and equally short. If now by any manner of means the County Supervisors could be persuaded to rustle a trifle on the matter of building approaches to the bridge over the Arroyo near the eastern limit of Los Angeles, driving to that place might be somewhat of a pleasure, and the road could be traveled even at night with some degree of safety.

The Raymond.

The recent arrivals, are: Ira O. Smith, T. D. Stevenson, F. T. Wheeler,

Mrs. E. R. Wadsworth, L. G. Fisher, Mrs. Fisher and children, C. F. Rapp, George F. Jennings, H. F. Grierson, Chicago; Charles B. Hurley and wife, Tacoma; S. R. McNear, Oakland; A. W. Briggs, wife and daughter, Chicago; R. K. Gardner and wife, Oakland; W. H. Jameson and wife, South Riverside; Charles E. Peaks, Rosindale, Mass.

Yesterday evening progressive hearts was indulged in by the guests. A large number participated. The winners were awarded handsome prizes.

Tonight there will be a concert in the ballroom directed by Prof. Kyle, and tomorrow evening the usual weekly full-dress hop will be given.

Intense Suffering in Nebraska. An urgent appeal has been received here from Kendall T. Scott, missionary of the American Sunday School Union at Benkelman, Neb., asking for aid for the poor people in that vicinity.

The appeal states that hundreds of unfortunates are living on corn mush, are clothed in tatters, virtually barefooted and exposed to the rigors of a prairie winter, unable even to leave for better parts. Help is asked that will keep men, women and children from starving, and prevent intense suffering from the cold.

The United Samaritan Society of this place has taken the matter in hand, and earnestly solicits contributions of money or clothing, which may be left at the Presbyterian Chapel any time before Saturday evening.

BREVITIES.

Closed street cars are a luxury.

The Cross Road cars need heating.

Supervisor Cook was in town yesterday.

Hancock Banning was in town yesterday.

B. O. Kendall has returned from a trip to San Diego.

Strangers were especially numerous in town yesterday.

Mr. Chappel is suffering with an attack of grippe.

What has happened to the proposed railroad up Mt. Wilson?

La Grippe still clutches many of our people in its relentless grasp.

Company B held a special drill in guard mount yesterday evening.

Mrs. Kyle, mother of O. W. Kyle, is recovering from a severe illness.

Raymond Hill, illuminated as it is these nights, is a beautiful sight.

Another party of Raymond excursionists is due to arrive next week.

It will not be long ere work is begun on the addition to the Hotel Green.

An interesting meeting of the Athletic Club was held yesterday evening.

The City Council meets in regular session at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Plasterers are at work on Mr. Howe's new house on East Colorado street.

A concert will be given at the Raymond tonight under Prof. Kyle's direction.

George Chappel and wife are visiting in town at the residence of Mr. Chappel's father.

Yesterday's overland arrived on time. Such an event has not been chronicled for many days.

The question of irrigation is becoming more interesting as the days go by, and the rain cometh not.

The cold snap continues. A high wind blew all day yesterday.

The signs of rain have entirely disappeared.

Inspector Richardson has been engaged the past two nights "gassing" the shrubbery about Prof. Lowe's place.

No snow is visible on the near range of mountains, although the temperature indicates a different state of affairs.

The mercury came near touching the freezing point yesterday morning.

The air struck the early risers as being very brisk.

Grapevine wood is a cheap and favorite style of fuel. The chief difficulty lies in chopping it into proper dimensions.

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the annual report of the State Board of Horticulture from Inspector C. H. Richardson.

Among recent arrivals at the Hotel Green are: G. A. Atwood, St. Paul, Minn.; R. Pemberton, H. Pemberton, O. A. Peck, San Francisco.

The entertainment given by the young people of the Presbyterian Church yesterday evening, proved very enjoyable to the many who were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bassell of Pittsburgh, Pa., who have been visiting here for some days past, left yesterday on a trip through San Bernardino and San Diego counties.

The North Pasadena Reading Circle will resume regular meetings next week. The meetings have not been held for several weeks past on account of religious services which have been held in Thomas's Hall.

A number of tickets have been sold for the Odd Fellows' entertainment to be given tonight at their hall on South Fair Oaks avenue. The Baldwin children of Los Angeles will be the chief attraction.

A peculiarity about the "1891" is that adding the first figure to the second makes the third, and subtracting the fourth figure from the third gives the second. Adding the four figures together give us the number of the century.

A well-known citizen drove up from Los Angeles a few days ago in the early morning hours. He had been going the rounds all night, and when nearing the center of town fatigue overcame him. He went to sleep in his buggy, and awoke to find himself in South Pasadena, in which direction his horse had returned. Out of respect to his family, we refrain from publishing his name.

PASADENA MARKETS.

Retail Prices January 29, 1891.

POTATOES—Home grown, \$1.35; (H. 175); northern Burbanks, \$1.75; (H. 175);

ONIONS—Local, 5c. per lb.

BUTTER—Fancy roll, 70c; (H. 75); choice, 60c; (H. 65); pickled, 50c.

EGGS—Fresh ranch, 35c.

FLOUR—Los Angeles XXXX, \$1.25 per sack; Crown, \$1.40; Sperry's, \$1.75 per bbl.

MILL FEED—Bran, \$1.45 per 100 lbs; shorts, \$1.35; rolled barley, \$1.75; mixed feed, \$1.60; feed meal, \$1.50.

GRAIN—Oats, \$2; seed barley, 1.75 per 100 lbs; wheat, \$1.50; (H. 150).

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 9c. per lb; bananas, 10c. per dozen; strawberries, 12c. per box; tomatoes, 3c. per lb; persimmons, 5c. per lb.

CITRUS FRUITS—Lemons, 15c. per dozen; Oranges (Riverdale Navel), 30c. per dozen; seedlings, 15c. per 20c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 15c. per lb; peaches, 30c.; prunes, 35c.; prunes (California French), 15c. per lb.

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Around the World in a 22 Foot Boat.

Two old sailors, Godfrey Sykes and Charles McLean, are going to coast around the world in a twenty-two foot boat. They launched their small craft on the Colorado at Needles, Cal., Saturday. Their course is down the Gulf of California, along the Mexican and South American coast, round Cape Good Hope to Cape St. Roque, then across the Atlantic to Sierra Leone, thence east along the European coast to Great Britain.

The return trip will be through the Mediterranean, Suez canal, Indian ocean, China sea, and by the Russian coast to Alaska, and thence home. Their boat, built by themselves, is 22 feet over all and 7 feet 3 inches beam, of Mackinaw type, with twenty-one strong steel ribs. She has water tight lockers and will carry three sails. She will have a centerboard with six feet surface. Provisions for four months will be carried, and the men expect to make the voyage in two and a half years.

McLean is a Scotchman, who served seven years as a whaler. He has dreamed of this trip for years and saved money for the purpose. Godfrey Sykes is an Englishman of good education, who ran away to sea. He also had the "fad" of circumnavigating the globe, and he prepared himself for it by a very thorough study of navigation. Singularly enough, these two men, with a crane for sea voyaging, met on an Arizona cattle ranch and around the camp fire at night learned of their mutual dreams. They pooled their capital, built the boat, and will stay by each other to the end.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Ginkgo Tree in Boston.

No tree, scarcely, excepting the Washington elm, at Cambridge, is more famous than the ginkgo tree near the Joy street gate on the common. Dr. Holmes celebrates it, and others often mentioned it; but I notice with pain that its name is often misspelled "jingo." It has never shown signs of fruiting, and for my part I confess that I, until now, had no idea that it is a fruit tree. But Garden and Forest says that the Japanese ginkgo tree does sometimes bear fruit, that a tree planted in the grounds of the military academy of Kentucky produced fruit several years ago, and that one of the trees in Central park, New York, is now fruitful. A tree in the garden of Charles J. Wistar, at Germantown, Pa., now about forty years old, bore a few fruits last year for the first time. The fruit of the ginkgo is somewhat similar to an olive, with a large, hard nut surrounded by thick oily flesh which soon becomes rancid and is very disagreeable. The kernel of the nut, however, has a delicate almond like flavor much liked by the Japanese, who use great quantities of these seeds as dessert fruit.—Boston Advertiser.

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